

## SOME NEW BOOKS.

W. R. Jenkins has issued Henry Gravelle's "Percée" in his series of "Romans Choses." It is a pleasant story of a little Parisian girl, left a widow by the sudden death of her mother on the eve of emigration. The child has various adventures, turns out much better than could have been expected in the circumstances, and is discovered by a rich father, who has been in America all these years, and who supposed that his wife had deserted him.

The life and adventures of General Henry Ronald Maciver is published by the New-York News Company. The subject of the biography is a gallant Scotchman, who appears to have filled the rôle of a nineteenth century Dugald Dalrymple. He is represented as having served under fourteen flags, beginning his fighting career in the Indian Mutiny, as a British officer, passing thence to the support of Garibaldi, taking a hand in the war of the Rebellion, on the wrong side, then appearing in Mexico as an Imperialist, and subsequently campaigning in Brazil, the Argentine Republic, Crete, Cuba, France, Spain, Herzegovina, Servia and Greece. General Maciver does not appear to have taken much by his adventurous life, and his biographer, Mr. J. W. McDonald, certainly has made but a poor use of the material at his command.

A second and revised edition of the late J. Snodgrass's translations from the prose of Heine has been issued. (Boston: Cappell & Hurd.) Mr. Snodgrass made the closest and best translations of Heine that have appeared, and so long as he sticks to the prose he is a perfectly safe guide. But he attempted also some pieces from the "Book of Songs," and here he naturally failed. Heine's poetry does not lend itself to translation, though at first sight it seems to do so, because it has so artificially simple an aspect. But no foreign poet loses more by being turned into English than Heine. There is in the original a delicacy, a subtlety, a characteristic mingling of melancholy and irony, which is evaporated in the process of translation. The present volume contains a very good selection from Heine's prose works, but it must still be said that to really know him one must study him in German.

The second volume of the new and admirable edition of Browning's works (Macmillan & Co.) contains "Paracelsus" and "Strafford." The author appears to have made no change in these poems, and the original notes to "Paracelsus" are retained without revision.

## BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

**ANT. NARBY.** By Mrs. Peter Newby. 16mo, pp. 274. (Boston: East Avery & Co.)

**PERFECT PRACTICABLE.** 16mo, pp. 350. (Paper. William R. Jenkins.)

**THE CHRISTIAN MIRACLES AND THE CONCLUSIONS OF SCIENCE.** By Rev. W. D. THOMPSON. M. A. 12mo, pp. 169. (Scribner & Welford.)

**THE UNITY OF THE TRUTH IN CHRISTIANITY AND EVOLUTION.** By Max Hark, D. D. 12mo, pp. 290. (John Odior Against Her. By Margaret Russell Macfarlane. 12mo, pp. 243. Paper. (Cassell & Co.)

**A STUDENT'S VIEWS ABROAD.** By Harry E. Lutz. 12mo, pp. 416. (Circleline, Ohio: Union-Herald Publishing House.)

**STORIES OF OTHER LANDS.** By James Johnon. 12mo, pp. 290. (D. Appleton & Co.)

**THE HONORABLE MR. VENNER.** By "The Duchess." 16mo, pp. 298. Paper. (Philadelphia: J. B. Lippeinst & Co.)

**A BACHELOR'S WEDDING TRIP.** By Himself. 12mo. (Philadelphia: The Pen Publishing Co.)

**SOME DETAILS OF WORKS CONSTRUCTION, BY WHICH WILL BE BUILT.** See p. 96. (*The Engineering and Building Record*)

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